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1. LABOR MINISTER VASCO COSTA CALLED IN AIFLD REPRESENTATIVE BRUCE JAY JULY 3 TO APPRISE HIM OF THE RESULTS OF HIS PRIVATE VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES. COSTA TOLD JAY THAT HE WAS MOST SATISFIED WITH HIS MEETING WITH AIFLD AND THAT GOC-AIFLD INTERESTS DEFINITELY COINCIDED. COSTA BELIEVED THAT AIFLD WAS AWARE OF THE NEED FOR PRUDENCE IN MOVING TOWARDS GREATER TRADE UNION FREEDOMS DUE TO THE "DANGERS OF ANARCHY" THAT MIGHT OCCUR FROM ANY PRECIPITOUS CHANGE. THE MINISTER INDICATED THAT HE FOUND SOME UNDERSTANDING AMONG THE AIFLD WASHINGTON PERSONNEL FOR THE GOC'S CAREFUL LONG-RANGE APPROACH TO REDEFINING LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS.

2. THE MINISTER REFERRED TO HIS VISIT WITH THOMAS GLEASON OF THE INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMEN'S ASSOCIATION IN VERY POSITIVE TERMS. ACCORDING TO COSTA, GLEASON SHOWED A GREAT INTEREST IN THE OBJECTIVES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF GOC LABOR POLICY, AND SUGGESTED THAT COSTA SEE GEORGE MEANY. THIS MEETING HOWEVER, COULD NOT BE ARRANGED BECAUSE OF OTHER COMMITMENTS OF THE AFL-CIO PRESIDENT.

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3. COSTA, IN MAKING THE USUAL POINTS ABOUT COMMUNIST TRADE UNION LEADERS AND THOSE WHO "COLLABORATE" WITH THEM. ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE RECENT ACTION OF THE "GROUP OF TEN" IN EXPELLING TWO MEMBERS (SEPULVEDA AND MERY) COULD BE INTERPRETED POSITIVELY AS A RESULT OF THE INFLUENCE OF THE AFL-CIO PHILOSOPHY EXPRESSED IN THE RECENT SOLIDARITY VISIT. COSTA TOLD JAY HE COULD NOT GIVE A DEFINITIVE RESPONSE TO THE AFL-CIO MEMORANDUM (LEFT BY THE

SOLIDARITY TEAM) -- REQUESTING A RAPID RESTORATION OF TRADE
UNION ELECTIONS -- UNTIL AFTER THE REFERENDUM ON THE NEW CONSTITUTION
SOMETIME NEXT YEAR. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE FIRST DRAFT ON THE
"NEW FORM" OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING WOULD BE READY BY AUGUST 30
AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO AIFLD.

4. COMMENT: THE MINISTER OF LABOR REGARDS HIS TRIP TO THE
UNITED STATES AS SUPPORTIVE OF THE CURRENT GOC LABOR POLICY.
THE TRIP MAY HAVE CAUSED THE GOC TO MOVE UP ITS TIMETABLE
SOMEWHAT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A "NEW FORM" OF COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING. HOWEVER, THE MINISTER, AT LEAST, REMAINS COMMITTED
TO THE LONG-RAGNE GOC TIMETABLE FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE RIGHT
TO ELECT UNION LEADERSHIP AND TO STRIKE.
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